

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

A09-972

In re Petition for Appointment of Trustee
Regarding Thornton P. Anderson, a Deceased
Minnesota Attorney, Registration No. 2410.

O R D E R

On June 23, 2009, the court appointed the Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility as trustee for the legal files of deceased Minnesota attorney Thornton P. Anderson. Pursuant to the court's order, the Director reports that he has taken the following steps with respect to the files of Thornton P. Anderson that have come into the Director's possession: (1) inventoried the client files; (2) destroyed those client files more than seven years old; (3) notified select clients of the trusteeship; (4) returned client files to those clients requesting their return; (5) destroyed client files upon the client's request; and (6) with respect to one client file, forwarded to a residuary beneficiary a check and certain personal property in connection with the probate of an estate. The Director reports that there remain in his possession four files belonging to clients that the Director has been unable to locate or that have not responded to the Director's correspondence. The Director requests discharge as trustee.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Without further hearing or further notice to any party, the Director as trustee is authorized to store for three years all remaining files of Thornton P. Anderson that are in the Director's possession. At the end of the three-year period, the Director may, without further hearing or notice, destroy the remaining files, retaining only a record of the client name and destruction date. The Director, after conducting such review as he deems feasible and appropriate, shall retain any documents from the client files that he determines to be of value.

2. The Director may return files upon request of the client or an authorized representative at any time during the three-year retention period, but need not take any further action to locate clients.

3. Except for the specific duties outlined above, the Director hereby is discharged as trustee as of the date of filing of this order, and no further discharge shall be necessary after completion of the specific duties set forth herein.

Dated: April 26, 2010

BY THE COURT:

/s/_____

Alan C. Page
Associate Justice